

As to the other matter you spoke of I will be glad to help you if I can.

You can come up some morning (not Sunday as I usually have company then) as I feel more like talking then.

With best regards to you and your family, I am,

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) H. B. CRAVEN."

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How Lieut. Field was thought of by his men is told in the following letter from Corporal C. L. Dempsey:

"France, December 1st, 1918.

Mr. J. M. Field,
Climax, N. C.

DEAR SIR:

Replying to yours of recent date, relative to the death of your brother, Captain Bascom L. Field.

I would have answered sooner, but was delayed by an accumulation of mail that had piled up while the Division was in the line.

Your brother was killed near Bellicourt, on the morning of September 29th, when his Division launched the attack that broke the Hindenburg line, and which, before the Division came out for rest, drove the Germans beyond the Sambre river, a distance of approximately 25 miles. He was killed at the head of his men, by a high explosive shell, and death was probably instantaneous. He was buried at Tincourt. The Regimental Chaplain has the exact location of the grave, but as he is absent on leave at present I will have to wait until his return before advising you.

His popularity among the men and officers was a byword in the regiment, and it is my sincere belief that there was not a better liked officer in the outfit. I knew him very well, personally, and had conceived a warm admiration and liking for him. His death came as a severe blow to all, and put a considerable damper on the enthusiasm which we naturally felt on the occasion of our success against the famous (and considerably over-rated), Boche.